CHAPTER NO. 682

HOUSE BILL NO. 3819

By Representative John DeBerry

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3472

By Senators Herron, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 13, relative to family life curricula and sex education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 13, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§49-6-13___. The comptroller's office of education accountability is directed to review Tennessee's Family Life Curriculum programs as established by Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 13. Not later than February 1, 2007, the office of education accountability shall prepare a written report of its findings and recommendations and shall submit such report to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives as well as the education oversight committee. The report should provide an overview of Family Life programs in Tennessee and elsewhere, including curriculum content, the extent of participation in various school districts, comparison to other states' programs, and impact reported in relevant studies. In developing such finding and recommendations, the office is directed to rely upon scientific evidence and social science research and to consult with diverse interested groups, including churches and other faith-based organizations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 4, 2006

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER E OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15th day of May 2006

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR